

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:) }
Inventor: GUSTAFSON, Vincent K. et al.) Group Art Unit: 1744
Serial No.: 10/686,347	<i>)</i>) Examiner: [not yet assigned] \
Filed: October 14, 2003) Attorney Docket: 129-US)
For: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PREPARING MICROFLUIDIC DEVICES FOR OPERATION))))

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This preliminary amendment is provided before the receipt of a first Office Action pursuant to MPEP 714.01(e). It is not believed that any fee is due with this amendment; however, if Applicants are incorrect in this regard then please treat this as authorization to charge Deposit Account No. <u>502454</u> for any necessary fee.

Amendment

Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. §1.8)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient first class postage in an envelope addressed to Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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